Park Street Bristol - November 14 - 1845.

My dear Mrs Chapman,

We have just sent off our box for the Boston Fair, & I have copied the list of its contents on the other side of this sheet as it may be a convenience to you to know what is in it before it is opened. We shall be anxious to learn whether the more fragile articles arrive uninjured, for the lateness of the season obliges us to send the box by land to Liverpool which will expose them to much rough usage. We have done our best to secure them & shall be glad to know how far our packing has been successful, & in particular whether the wax flowers are much damaged. If so we will request our friends not to send articles so delicate another time; the great aim has been to provide novelty & variety, in the hope that it will be most profitable to you. Where we have been left to procure contributions for our friends at our own discretion, or to recommend them, we have recollected your information respecting Stationery being a desirable article. Will you inform us whether the views of our English scenery & churches are cared for in America? We thought they might be attractive as they are so different from your modern buildings, & if you find them saleable we will endeavour to procure a fresh set for next year. The lady who sent the lock of Clarkson's hair knows it to be genuine having received it from the friend who cut it from his head. We have ticketed all the articles with the name of the donor, & given particulars respecting them principally because we imagined you would be interested in seeing how many different hands had been working for the cause you have at heart, & the different classes who have in this way given expression to that sympathy which must be far more prized by you than the intrinsic worth of the offerings. Since the box was closed we have received some additional contributions from a dress-maker & two straw-bonnet makers, which we ~~especially~~ regret were not in time ~~as~~ especially because the box is not quite full & could have contained them & several more things with ease. But we will take care of them as the commencement of a collection for next year to which we hope to devote ourselves much earlier than circumstances permitted on the present occasion. We have had donations of time & labor which are of greater worth than those which show more; the packing case was given by Mr C. J. Thomas & was made by his workmen, & Mr Bryant (who sends a Memoir of Dr Carpenter) aided us by doing all the packing which was beyond our strength, so that no hands have had any share in the work but those whose services were volunteered. Two hundred & twenty people came to see the things during the three days in which they were laid out in our drawing-room, & many new friends have expressed their readiness & wish to send something next year; & we hope to be able to spread information respecting your proceedings before that time. The copies of 'Ten Years Experience' & other pamphlets you were kind enough to send me have been I think usefully employed, & are nearly all distributed; my Uncle (Mr Reynolds of Hampstead) had a great part of the last report of the Mass.

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Society printed in the Record Newspaper which has very extensive circulation among the Evangelicals, who are not in the way of learning your proceedings from other sources. The little tract in Chambers' Miscellany has diffused a great deal of information on American Slavery. You will find one in the box. It has a very extensive circulation among all classes. We much regret that a very severe illness in the summer prevented my Father from drawing up a little statement which he had in contemplation relative to the Anti-Slavery Fair & the use that is made of the money obtained there; & which we hoped would have brought in contributions from many who now do not understand or feel an interest in the cause; but tho' prevented serving it in this way he has taken every opportunity of making its claims known since he has been well enough to write or converse on the subject, & if his health is spared he will do his best against next year, & I hope nothing will occur to prevent our making preparations earlier than we could do this autumn. We have had this week a very interesting Anti-slavery meeting in Bristol, of which Miss Carpenter has written an account to Mrs Follen I believe; & we will send a newspaper containing a report of it, if it is published in time. We longed for some of the American laborers in the cause to be here to listen to the appeals for English sympathy which were then made, & the warmth with which they were responded to; & to see the deep interest which was awakened by the clear statements that were made respecting American slavery & its relation to other countries & to the ~~state of the~~ Slave Trade, as well as by the painful details of facts with which they were accompanied; & how unanimous was the conviction that for professing Christians, still worse for Ministers of religion, to lend their voices in support of the system or to keep silence respecting it was a criminal inconsistency, & that their views & course on this subject ought to be made the test of the fitness of those ministers who visit us from America to be welcomed by their brethren here & invited to their pulpits. And it would have gladdened you to hear the ~~zeal~~ approbation with which, ~~[illegible]~~ Mr Armstrong's proposing a resolution of sympathy with the band of Christian men who were devoting their lives to the work of Abolition, ~~the addition of "women"~~ ~~was suggested~~ was & received; & when the addition of "women" by Mr Scott was suggested, the applause was reiterated. Miss Carpenter has I presume written to you. In addition to the beautiful drawings which she & her sister send, she has been most active in reminding others of the Fair & soliciting their aid. We shall still be grateful for any small publications giving general information respecting Slavery & the progress of the Abolitionists. Those like "Ten Years Experience" are I think of more service here than the "Liberty Bell" tho' that always contains some beautiful pieces. But people here want something which throws light on the subject more than appeals to their feelings. The Life of Frederick Douglass will do much in this way; it has deeply interested all who have yet been able to obtain access to it, & we are impatient to see & hear him; & we hope too that the Hutchinson family will not leave out Bristol in their tour thro' Gt Britain. You must be too much occupied to have leisure

## List of Articles in the box.

16 Bags
26 Mats
12 Book Marks
3 Ivory d°
2 Humming Tops
1 Model of Seme
1 Set of Chess men
4 Emery cushions
12 Penwipers
14 Needle cases
31 Pincushions
2 Yard-measures
3 Toilet cushions
7 Purses
2 Sets of purse-slides
12 Doylies
4 Knit d°
1 — Ball
1 Basket of wild Flowers
1 d° ornamented with
garden Flowers.
1 Kettle holder
1 Chenille neck tie
1 Knit d°
2 Portfolios
5 Small China ornaments.
9 – baskets of wafers & flowers.
5 – Specimens of knitting.
1 Ornamented pen-holder.
1 Case of knitting needles.
1 Small scent box & bag.
12 Pearl silk winders.
1 Screw pincushion
1 Small paper of Clarkson's hair.
1 Box of wax flowers.
20 Candle ornaments.
12 Bouquets of flowers.
2 Netted shawls
1 d° Scarf.
2 Knitted handkfs
1 Pr. worked slippers.
3 Pr. knit d°
1 — Watch pockets
1 Piece of work
10 Shoe bags.
3 Toilet sets
1 Sofa cushion
9 — Nets
1 Baby's bonnet
2 Doll d°
1 Pr. Large socks
1 — baby's d°
1 d° Hood
1 d° Net cap
2 d° frocks.
1 d° Shirt.
1 d° knitted d°. cap

1 Night cap
3 Cephalines
4 Pr. Garters
5 Pr. Muffatees
6 yds netted edging
1 Knit habit shirt
1 Worsted net
1 Pr. dolls shoes
1 doll
1 Silver Thimble
1 Pr. Scissors
10 Pr. Knitting pins
3 Crotchet hooks
1 Paper knife
4 Packets of Elastic bands for papers.
1 Card case.
9 Landscapes
1 Pen & Ink Sketch
3 Copies of Memoir of Dr Carpenter.
6 d° Morn.g & Even.g Meditations
2 d° Lectures on the Atonement.
2 d° Harmony of the Gospels.
6 d° Pastor's Legacy.
1 Bible
1 Copy of "Literary Florets".
1 Book of Engravings.
6 Sermons.
12 Pamphlets on Mesmerism
1 Set "Juvenile Miscellany"
3 Nos. of "Cruikshanks Table book."
3 d° "Chambers' Miscelly"
1 Set of "Little Englands Newspaper.
5 Little Hymn books
5 Cards with Poetry &
38 Miscellaneous d°
6 Manuscript copies of B.d Barton on Slavery.
1 Box of note paper
1 d° – envelopes.
12 doz ornamented d°
4 doz plain d°
10 Sheets of paper with lace border.
12 Envelopes with d°

6 Sheets of note paper with flowers.
9 Packets d° ornamented.
3 d° – plain
12 Sheets of views of Bristol & Clifton.
4 Cards of vignettes of d°
10 Sheets of views of Weston Clevedon & their vicinities.
12 – – Tunbridge Wells.
11 – – Dover
20 Small sheets with various views.
1 View of London post office
4 — – Monmouthshire.
6 — – South Devon.
16 – – Evesham
6 – – Birthplace of Shakespere.
7 – – Isle of Wight.
7 Books with Engravings of d°.
27 Boxes of picturesque wafers.
11 Sticks of sealing wax.
7 Changing pictures.
2 Lady's Papeteries.
5 Medals
2 Cards with views in Germany.

The moving pictures require to have the round part at the back shifted until a fresh group of faces are fitted to the apertures & then the same repeated until the set which were there at first reappear.

The Birmingham box contains
36 Articles of Ladies Worsted work – bags, pincushions, handkerchiefs, a cape, mats, & muffatees.
4 Cotton netted & knitted chair covers,
1 basket, & Swiss wood netting case.
1 Smelling bottle,
1 Pair of Slippers,
Cardboard boxes, pincushions, kettle holders, &c.
& a papier-maché ink-stand for Charles Foller

An invoice w
sent to Mrs Folle
by the last steamer.

for reading very long letters at present, & my Father has written so fully to Mr May that I will not detain you with repeating what he has already expressed, of our regrets that the Abolitionists waste their time & influence in disputing on the best course of action, rather than concentrating their strength on points which they have in common, & leav each to decide on the part they will take. And we think the cause too sacred a one to need or profit by the violent language by which some who are engaged in it seek to support it. But it is impossible to judge fo others, & no doubt there is much of apathy & opposition to aggravate them. With every kind wish for your success in your great work

Believe me, dear Mrs Chapman

Very sincerely yours

Mary A. Estlin.

The poem of Bernard Barton's is taken from a work of his recently published entitled "Household Verses". It has probably already reached America, but if not generally known may interest some

Mrs Chapman
Summer Street
Boston
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